

House Resolution No. 2423

Whereas, as the 2002-2003 school year draws to a close, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to applaud the career achievements of those individuals who are retiring from the field of education; and

Whereas, the Cape Girardeau 63 School District is losing a valuable member of its faculty with the retirement of Ruth J. Smith who has devoted many years of her life to the education of this state's young citizens through tireless endeavors as a teacher; and

Whereas, Ruth Smith, a resident of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, is a first grade teacher at Jefferson Elementary School, where she is held in high esteem as an educator who demonstrates considerable competence and remarkable degrees of compassion and understanding; and

Whereas, deeply committed to the great cause of learning, Ruth Smith has touched the lives of countless youngsters by helping them form a solid educational foundation upon which to build in the future; and

Whereas, Ruth Smith has watched her pupils grow, develop, and mature through the knowledge she has imparted to them both as a teacher and as a friend; and

Whereas, Ruth Smith has supported her profession as a member of the Community Teachers Association and the Missouri State Teachers Association; and

Whereas, a 2002 recipient of the Kinder Award, Ruth Smith earned a Bachelor's degree in education at Southeast Missouri State University; and

Whereas, Ruth Smith has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include her husband, Truman H. Smith; two children, Darrick A. Smith and Rebecca Wichern; and five grandchildren:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join the Cape Girardeau 63 School District in expressing appreciation for the unparalleled service that Ruth Smith has rendered to Missouri's children and in wishing her the long, fruitful, and enjoyable retirement that she so justly deserves; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Ruth Smith, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Jason G. Crowell
Majority Floor Leader
District No. 158

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2423, adopted May 1, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker